

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The portable electronic apparatus according to claim 17, wherein said holding unit is configured to store batteries which are used for an electric power source to operate said portable electronic apparatus.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The portable electronic apparatus according to claim 17, wherein said holding unit is configured to be folded toward a side of said main body.

Claim 7 (Original): The portable electronic apparatus according to claim 6, wherein an electric power supply is automatically put into one of a turned off state and a standby state when said holding unit is folded toward the side of said main body, and the electric power supply is put into one of a turned on state and an operating state when said holding unit is unfolded to its original position.

Claims 8-11 (Canceled).

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The portable electronic apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said holding means stores batteries which are used for an electric power source to operate the portable electronic apparatus.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The portable electronic apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said holding means folds toward a side of the main body.

Claim 14 (Original): The portable electronic apparatus according to claim 13, wherein an electric power supply is automatically put into one of a turned off state and a standby state when said holding means is folded toward the side of said main body, and the electric power supply is put into one of a turned on state and an operating state when said holding means is unfolded to its original position.

Claims 15 and 16 (Canceled).

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): A portable electronic apparatus, comprising:  
a main body having a display unit on a surface thereof; and  
a holding unit protruding substantially perpendicular from the main body for holding the portable electronic apparatus and including a pointing device and switches configured to be operated by a same hand holding the holding unit so that the portable electronic apparatus is held and operated with one hand,

wherein the holding unit includes a grip to be grasped at least with a palm of said one hand such that when a user holds the holding unit with said one hand, the palm of said one hand holding the holding unit is also substantially perpendicular to the main body.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): A portable electronic apparatus, comprising:  
a main body having display means for displaying information on a surface thereof;  
and  
holding means protruding substantially perpendicular from the main body for holding the portable electronic apparatus,

wherein said holding means includes pointing means for performing pointing operations and switching means for setting or canceling instructions given by said pointing means that are operated by a same hand holding the holding means so that the portable electronic apparatus is held and operated with one hand, and

wherein the holding means includes gripping means to be grasped at least with a palm of said one hand such that when a user holds the holding means with said one hand, the palm of said one hand holding the holding means is also substantially perpendicular to the main body.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A portable electronic apparatus, comprising:

a main body having a display unit on a surface thereof;

a holding unit protruding substantially perpendicular from the main body for holding the portable electronic apparatus and including a pointing device and switches configured to be operated by a same hand holding the holding unit so that the portable electronic apparatus is held and operated with one hand; and

a connector configured to ~~connect the holding unit to~~ support the main body apart from the holding unit such that a thumb space is provided between the holding unit is separated from and the main body, and said pointing device is provided in said thumb space and is configured to be operated by a thumb of said same hand.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A portable electronic apparatus, comprising:

a main body having display means for displaying information on a surface thereof;  
and

holding means protruding substantially perpendicular from the main body for holding the portable electronic apparatus; and

connector means for ~~connecting the holding means to~~ supporting the main body apart from the holding means such that a thumb space is provided between the holding means is separated from and the main body,

wherein said holding means includes pointing means for performing pointing operations and switching means for setting or canceling instructions given by said pointing means that are operated by a same hand holding the holding means so that the portable electronic apparatus is held and operated with one hand, and said pointing means is provided in said thumb space and is operated by a thumb of said same hand.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The portable electronic apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said holding unit is configured to store batteries which are used for an electric power source to operate said portable electronic apparatus.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The portable electronic apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said holding unit is configured to be folded toward a side of said main body.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The portable electronic apparatus according to claim 22, wherein an electric power supply is automatically put into one of a turned off state and a standby state when said holding unit is folded toward the side of said main body, and the electric power supply is put into one of a turned on state and an operating state when said holding unit is unfolded to its original position.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The portable electronic apparatus according to claim 20, wherein said holding means stores batteries which are used for an electric power source to operate the portable electronic apparatus.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The portable electronic apparatus according to claim 20, wherein said holding means folds toward a side of the main body.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The portable electronic apparatus according to claim 25, wherein an electric power supply is automatically put into one of a turned off state and a standby state when said holding means is folded toward the side of said main body, and the electric power supply is put into one of a turned on state and an operating state when said holding means is unfolded to its original position.